

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
February 20, 2018

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on February 20, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Those present were Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Eric Cowan, to enter into Executive Session at 5:31 P.M. for discussion of Employment, Student Discipline, Special Education Student, and School Safety. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Aaron Wilham, to exit Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Hamm opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M. A Holiday Waiver must be on file with the Regional Office of Education so that we may wave certain holidays. In the transfer of ROE's our paperwork was lost. Those holidays include MLK Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Casimir Pulaski Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day. The meeting closed at 6:06 P.M.

President Martin re-opened the meeting in open session at 6:06 P.M.

Steven Hayes approached the Board concerning the girls' basketball program. He would like to see the floors swept between games, two sets of officials like the boys, and nights of play changed.

Deanne Mott along with Superintendent Hamm presented Jenna Kloba with the Educator of the Quarter Award.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to adopt Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, and E.

- A. Approve January 16, 2018, Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve February 20, 2018, Executive Session Minutes
- C. Sales Tax Revenue Report - \$20,604.06
- D. Approve Payment of Bills
- E. Approve Lead Test Results

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Graduation dates have been set as follows: MPGS- Friday, May 18 at 6:30 P.M. with Eric Cowan and Deanne Mott presenting. MPHS- Saturday, May 19 at 4:00 P.M. with Deanne Mott and Jeff Beccue presenting.

A late start time schedule is being added for unfavorable weather conditions. On days where the weather is bad but is expected to improve, we will use a 10:00 A.M. start time. There will be an announcement on Facebook, Teacherease, radio, and TV stations on days it is being utilized.

Aaron Wilham and Deanne Mott reported on the Joint Communications Meeting. Aaron said the teachers would like to have Parent-Teacher Conferences on different nights for high school and the grade school. For parents with students in the two different buildings, it's hard to see all the teachers in one night. The grade school would also like to have their meeting later in the fall whereas the high school would like it earlier. Teachers would like to see a couple of changes on the school calendar for next year.

The district will be using MAP testing next year. This is a test that will be given 3 times a year in grades 5-12. The test adjusts to each student's performance and creates a personalized assessment to measure performance and

growth over time and in relation to school and state averages. Superintendent Hamm would like to offer it to Zion Lutheran students as well.

Kevin Handy was present to touch base. There will be another community engagement meeting before the referendum vote. He suggested a round table setting again. People are more apt to ask questions one-on-one. If the referendum passes, he would like another meeting soon after just to make sure everything is in place. Jeff Beccue suggested a post community meeting as well. Mr. Morgan asked Kevin to come during the school day and talk with teachers to see what their particular wants/needs are for their classroom. The next community meeting is set for March 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria at the high school.

All bathrooms in the grade school building will be remodeled with new fixtures, lighting, stalls, and flooring. Several doors in the grade school building will be replaced. Air conditioning for the gym and cafeteria is being looked into. Due to the old age of the lift and parts being unable to get, it will be replaced.

President Martin commented on the community meetings held in Elkhart and Chestnut. He stated the Elkhart meeting had 20 or more people attend where Chestnut had less than 10. Both meetings had some good questions asked and some feedback.

The PRESS Policy will be reviewed for next month.

The Board has been looking into hiring a construction manager company to help with the building project at the high school. The purpose of the construction manager is to have someone oversee the project on a daily basis so we don't have to have someone there. They also help keep things on track as far as cost and time.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to hire Core Construction Manager for the high school building project. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to hire Travis Lingafelter as Head Softball coach at MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to hire Ray Morrow as full-time custodian. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to hire Kaitlyn Reynolds as part-time custodian. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to hire Kyle Lucas as part-time custodian. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to hire Chad Farwell as part time custodian. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to hire Jay Haigh as head cook at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to hire Pat Peterson as assistant cook at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to hire Glenn Shanle as assistant cook at MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Garrett Levault as a bus driver. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to approve Joint Agreement Resolution with LincolnLand Technical Education Center for 2018-19 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve School Calendar for 2018-19 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to change the Graduation Requirement of Course 10004A001 (Computer Concepts) to Course 12005A001 (Keyboarding & Formatting). Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion for Algebra credit for high school was tabled.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve purchase of Computers in FY18-19. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve Symbolic Resolution for Wind Farm Donation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported Scholastic Bowl has begun and is going well.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the January Senior of the Month was Faith Doer. February's Senior of the Month is Jordan Sanchez.

The WYSE team placed 2nd at the regional competition and will be advancing to the sectional competition in March. Aletheia Woodford -3rd in English; Corey Beccue- 2nd in Math and 3rd in Physics; Olivia Letterle- 3rd in Chemistry; Garrett Skelton – 2nd in Chemistry; and Bryson Beccue -2nd in Computer Science and 2nd in Engineering Graphics.

Science Olympiad winners this past weekend are: Bryson Beccue & Emma Aylesworth -3rd in Forensics; Ashley Berry & Teagan Wyss – 3rd in Herpetology; Jordan Sanchez & Peyton Taylor – 4th in Fermi Questions; and Emma Aylesworth & Sam VanRheeden – 4th in Mission Possible.

Upcoming Events:

March 1 –	Court House Field Trip
March 2 –	Blood Drive
March 6 –	Winter Sports Banquet at 6:30 P.M.
March 9& 10 –	School Play at Family Life Center
March 16-	End of 3 rd quarter
March 26 -	FFA Banquet at 6:30 P.M.
March 29-April 2	Spring Break

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Eric Cowan to adjourn at 7:14 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

